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SUBJECT: BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

1. TREASURY IS PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO OPEN THE RDO OPERATING ACCOUNT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. POST SHOULD RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS AND PREPOSITIONED CHECKS FOR FUNDING ACCOUNT SHORTLY.

2. COLLECTIONS DISCUSSED REFTTEL SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM ONCE RDO ACCOUNT IS OPEN. WHILE CASHIERS ARE NOT SO AUTHORIZED, DISBURSING OFFICERS UTILIZE COLLECTIONS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT ANY COLLECTIONS WILL BE DEPOSITED DIRECTLY TO THE RDO OPERATING ACCOUNT FOR USE IN CUBA. THESE FUNDS WILL NOT REQUIRE CONVERSION TO U.S. CURRENCY BY THE BANK. (DOLLAR COLLECTIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE FORWARDED IN USUAL
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MANNER.)

3. THE PREPOSITIONED CHECK PROCEDURE (WFC FISCAL OPERATING PROCEDURES HANDBOOK 0502) WILL REQUIRE A DESIGNATED AGENT (DA). TO EXPEDITE, WE ARE NOMINATING CLARKE ALLARD AS DA TO THE RDO. SHOULD POST PREFER ANOTHER AS DA, ADVISE PER WFC HANDBOOK.

4. REFTEL REQUESTED DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON APPLICABILITY OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY TO BANK ACCOUNTS OF DIPLOMATS STATIONED IN HAVANA, IN LIGHT OF THE GOC PROPOSAL TO APPLY THE CUBALASE CREDIT CONTRACT TO DIPLOMATS' BANK ACCOUNTS. UNDER THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, ARTICLE 30, THE PROPERTY OF A DIPLOMATIC AGENT IS ACCORDED INVIOABILITY. (THIS SAME INVIOABILITY IS EXTENDED VIA ARTICLE 37 TO PROPERTY OF MEMBERS OF FAMILIES OF DIPLOMATIC AGENTS, AS WELL AS TO PROPERTY OF MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF OF A DIPLOMATIC MISSION, AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES.) THE DRAFTING HISTORY OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION SPECIFICALLY REFERS TO AN INTENTION TO EXTEND THIS PROTECTION TO INTANGIBLE PROPERTY TO DIPLOMATS, CITING BANK ACCOUNTS AS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF SUCH INTANGIBLE PROPERTY. VANCE

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